

## PROJECT WESTWIND AND THE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

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### 1. Purpose of Report

To appoint a member of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board to the Project West Wind Community Liaison Group (to be convened by Wellington City Council).

### 2. Recommendation

Officers recommend that the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. *Receive the information*
2. *Agree to appoint one member to be the Board's representative on the Project West Wind Community Liaison Group.*

### 3. Discussion

The Community Liaison Group (CLG) was established in September 2007. The group was a requirement of the Environment Court when it granted resource consent in 2005 for Project West Wind - Meridian Energy's wind farm at Makara. The CLG consists of five members: two residents from the Makara areas; a Makara-Ohariu Community Board representative; a Wellington City Council representative; and a Meridian representative.

The group's responsibilities are to:

- review Meridian's performance in terms of noise control, the impact of construction traffic and parking management
- make recommendations to, and receive feedback from, Meridian about any of the above matters
- produce an annual report to Wellington City Council's Strategy and Policy Committee

- review implementation of the Project West Wind noise management plan
- work with Meridian on the well-being and enhancement of the communities adjoining the site - including Makara, South Makara, Makara Beach and Takarau Gorge

### **3.1 Reporting Back Requirements**

The conditions of the consent require the CLG to report back to the Wellington City Council Strategy and Policy Committee on an annual basis. It would also be prudent for the Board's representative to report back to the Community Board on a regular basis.

### **3.2 Selection of a Board member to the Community Liaison Group**

At the meeting the Chair will be required to call for nominations from the Board for the Board's representative. Should there be more than one nomination for the CLG this will require that the appointment to the vacancy will be made using the open voting system (French Presidential) as provided for under Schedule 7, clause 25 of the Local Government Act 2002 and Wellington City Council Standing Order 185.1.

#### French Presidential (Open Voting System)

The Local Government Act 2002 provides for the following open voting system to be used for the appointment of elected members to decision making bodies:

- a) *requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and*
- b) *has the following characteristics:-*
  - (i) *there is a first round of voting; and*
  - (ii) *if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and*
  - (iii) *if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent, round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and*
  - (iv) *in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.*

It is noted that this Community Liaison Group will be convened by Wellington City Council.

### **3. Conclusion**

Officers recommend that a member of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board be appointed to the Project West Wind Community Liaison Group (to be convened by Wellington City Council).

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